

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 6, 9 and 28-43 without prejudice.

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Please amend the following claims.

~~3.601~~ 1. (Amended) A method of treating a waste material containing gelatin comprising:

a) combining the waste material and a solvent for the gelatin to form a liquid containing gelatin;

10 b) separating the liquid into a solvent based layer and a non-solvent based layer; and

15 B1 c) [removing residual oils and/or particulates from] treating the solvent based layer with a hot filtering process selected from the group consisting of liquid:liquid centrifugation, sub micro/microfiltration, liquid:liquid coalescers, and absorbents and combinations thereof to form a second liquid containing gelatin having a higher purity than the first liquid.